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SUBJ: CLEANSING OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS UNION URGED

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1. MAR 11 ETHIOPIAN HERALD REVOLUTIONARY COLUMN CARRIED TRANSLATION FROM PREVIOUS DAY'S AMHARIC PAPER URGING EPRP TRAITORS BE CLEANSED FROM TELECOMMUNICATIONS UNION (TU). ARTICLE STATED DESPITE ANARCHIST PLOTS, TELECOMMUNICATIONS WORKERS HAVE BEEN ABLE TO CONSOLIDATE THEIR UNION. MEMBER/ TRAITORS OF EPRP FACTION ATTEMPTING TO PUSH TU WORKERS INTO ANTI-REVOLUTIONARY CAMP BY MONOPOLIZING LEADERSHIP.

2. COLUMN CONTINUES, TU WORKERS UNABLE TO VOICE SUPPORT FOR 9-POINT ERITREAN POLICY DECLARATION IN PAST BECASUE TU LEADERSHIP IN HANDS OF EPRP MEMBERS FAVORING ERITREAN SECESSION. IN ADDITION, TU WORKERS TOLD BY THEIR UNION LEADERS THAT SEPT 12 ANNIVERSARY OF REVILUTION THIS YEAR WAS END OF PROSPEROUS MONARCHIAL RULE AND BEGINNING OF FASCIST REGIME. CONSEQUENTLY TU WORKERS FORCED TO
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REMAIN AT HOMES UNABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN CELEBRATIONS. IN LIKE MANNER, TU WORKERS WERE UNABLE TO ESTABLISH SUCCESSFULLY REVOLUTIONARY DISCUSSION GROUPS AND INSTEAD WERE INNUNDATED WITH IMPERIALIST MATERIALS. COLUMN CALLS ON DISCUSSION GROUPS TO BE CLEANSED OF ANARCHIST ELEMENTS, AND FOR TU WORKERS TO START IMMEDIATELY TO EXPOSE ANARCHISTS AND NOT

TO SIT DILY BY WHILE EPRP AGENTS LABOR TO FOIL
REVOLUTION.

3. COMMENT: TELECOMMUNICATIONS UNION HAS BEEN
STAUNCH OPPONENT OF REVOLUTION FOR PAST YEAR AND A
HALF, ESPECIALLY SINCE DISBANDING OF CONFEDERATION
OF ETHIOPIAN LABOR UNIONS (CELU) AND WAS CITED
PREVIOUS WEEK FOR HARBORING "REACTIONARIES" (REFTEL
C). OFFENSES FOR WHICH TU LEADERS ACCUSED PROBABLY
ACCURATE. IN CONTINUING CAMPAIGN TO EXPOSE AND
ELIMINATE EPRP ELEMENTS FROM LABOR UNIONS, IT
LOGICAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS UNION WOULD BE TARGETED.
NO OFFICIAL GOVT ACTION HAS BEEN TAKEN YET AGAINST
TU LEADERSHIP.
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